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SUBJECT: INCREASED SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY SCIENTIFIC
PROGRAM FOR EGYPT

1. DR. BODO BARTOCHA, DIRECTOR NSF OFFICE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS,
DISCUSSED FY 76 RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM WITH AMBASSADOR JULY 2.
ACCORDING TO BARTOCHA, HIS AGENCY'S ALLOCATION OF FY 76 GRANT FUNDS
AMOUNTS TO ABOUT 1.2 MILLION OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS ALLOTTED
FOR EGYPT

BARTOCHA SAID THAT BECAUSE OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES HE NOW HAS ABOUT
800,000 MORE DOLLARS AVAILABLE AND WOULD BE WILLING TO PUT THIS
MONEY INTO PROJECTS HERE IN EGYPT, PROVIDED OF COURSE NSF PORTION OF
TOTAL RESEARCH PACKAGE FOR EGYPT IS INCREASED.

2. WITHIN CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN SCIENTIFIC COOP

ERATION AND TO FIND NEW TALENT FOR SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY GRANTS, WE

ENCOURAGED BARTOCHA TO SEEK A FURTHER ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS DESIG-
NATED FOR EGYPT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ABOUT TWO MILLION DOLLARS
REMAIN UNSPENT FROM FY 75. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO REALLOCATE
SOME OF THAT FOR THE INCREASED FY 76 NSF PROGRAM? IF THIS IS
NOT POSSIBLE, AMBASSADOR WOULD AGREE TO TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR
EGYPT BEING RAISED TO ALLOW FOR INCREASE IN NSF PROGRAMS WHICH
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DR. BARTOCHA DESCRIBED. IN SO RAISING ALLOCATION, WE WOULD HAVE

NO PROBLEM IF OTHER AGENCIES WERE TO INCREASE THEIR EXISTING
SHARES AS LONGS AS THERE APPEARS TO BE A GOOD CHANCE THAT MONEY
WILL ACTUALLY BE USED IN FY 76.

3. DR.BARTOCHA SAID THAT HE WILL CONTACT DEPARTMENT (OES) AS
SOON AS HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON FROM CURRENT TRIP TO FOLLOW UP
ON PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED ALLOCATION.
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